

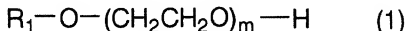
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

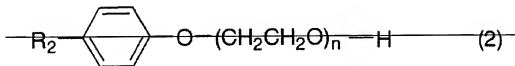
1. (currently amended): A disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition, containing an olanexidine acid addition salt, and at least one polyoxyethylene-based nonionic surfactant selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene higher alkyl ethers and polyoxyethylene alkylphenyl ethers,

the polyoxyethylene higher alkyl ether being a compound represented by formula (1):



wherein R_1 represents an alkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, and m represents an integer from 9 to 12,

the polyoxyethylene alkylphenyl ether being a compound represented by formula (2):



wherein R_2 represents an alkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, and n represents an integer from 9 to 12, and

the composition containing the olanexidine acid addition salt at a concentration of 0.05 to 0.5 W/V%, and the polyoxyethylene-based nonionic surfactant at a concentration of 0.1 to 10 W/V%.

2.-23. (canceled).

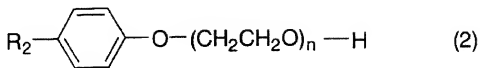
24. (previously presented): A method of sterilizing or disinfecting an object, comprising contacting the object with an effective amount of the disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition according to claim 1.

25. (canceled).

26. (previously presented): The disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is selected from the group consisting of nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, tridecyl and tetradecyl group.

27. (previously presented): The disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition according to claim 1, wherein said polyoxyethylene higher alkyl ether is at least one member selected from the group consisting of POE (91) lauryl ether, POE (10) lauryl ether and POE (12) alkyl ether.

28. (new): A disinfectant and/or bactericidal aqueous composition, containing an olanexidine acid addition salt, and at least one polyoxyethylene-based nonionic surfactant selected from polyoxyethylene alkylphenyl ethers represented by formula (2):



wherein R₂ represents an alkyl group having 7 to 20 carbon atoms, and n represents an integer from 9 to 12, and

the composition containing the olanexidine acid addition salt at a concentration of 0.05 to 0.5 W/V%, and the polyoxyethylene-based nonionic surfactant at a concentration of 0.1 to 10 W/V%.